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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-11 and 22-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 22-27 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims as currently presented can be interpreted as purely software. Software only claims fail the requirements of § 101 because software fails to fall into one of the four categories of statutory invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)** as being unpatentable over Syvanne et al EP 1,317,112 in view of Kavanagh US PGPub 2003/

4. **With regards to claim 22**, Syvanne teaches a system for screening incoming packets (Syvanne, paragraph 0012, stateful filtering of packets), comprising: a GTP firewall having a GTP communication module (Syvanne, paragraph 0034, firewall with GTP tunnel communications passing through) and a firewall session list and removing inactive firewall sessions from the firewall session list when the tear down engine receives the instruction (Syvanne, paragraph 0022, firewall deletes entries in its entity table, paragraph 0041, receives message from other firewall and updates/deletes sessions). Syvanne fails to teach a firewall tear down engine. However, Kavanagh teaches a Gi communication module that is operable to receive an instruction from the GTP communication module to tear down a firewall session (Kavanagh, paragraph 0010, receives Detach Request message and initiates tunnel tear down, paragraph 0046, detach message passes through firewall). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Kavanagh's method of tearing down tunnels with GTP Detach Requests because it offers the advantage of reducing malicious attacks because system resources are not wasted because all GTP requests require a response (Kavanagh, paragraph 0011).

5. **With regards to claim 23**, Syvanne as modified teaches the GTP firewall is operable to detect a GTP tunnel tear down (Kavanagh, paragraph 0010, receives Detach Request message and initiates tunnel tear down).

6. **With regards to claim 24**, Syvanne as modified teaches the GTP firewall is operable to detect a firewall session end (Syvanne, paragraph 0032, connection moved from being handled by one firewall to another, paragraph 0022, firewall deletes entries

in its entity table, paragraph 0041, receives message from other firewall and updates/deletes sessions).

7. **With regards to claim 25**, Syvanne as teaches a GTP firewall includes a Gn firewall provided at a Gn interface (Syvanne, paragraph 0034, firewall 305 between SGSN and GGSN).

8. **Claims 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)** as being unpatentable over Syvanne et al EP 1,317,112 and Kavanagh US PGPub 2003/0081607, as applied to claim 22 above, and in further view of Gopal et al “User plane Firewall for 3G Mobile Network.”

9. **With regards to claim 26**, Syvanne as modified fails to teach the GTP firewall includes a Gp firewall provided at a Gp interface. However, Gopal teaches the GTP firewall includes a Gp firewall provided at a Gp interface (Gopal, page 2118, stateful firewall at Gp interface). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Gopal’s method of providing a firewall at the Gp interface because it offers the advantage of defending against attacks that are targeted at the wireless infrastructure (Gopal, page 2118).

10. **With regards to claim 27**, Syvanne as modified fails to teach the GTP firewall is located on a device; and the Gi firewall is located on the device. However, Gopal teaches the GTP firewall is located on a device; and the Gi firewall is located on the device (Gopal, page 2117, column 2, firewall policy at Gi interface). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to

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utilize Gopal's method of including a Gi firewall on the device because it offers the advantage of reducing the vulnerability of future telecommunications networks to attacks while still allowing voice and streaming services for users to pass from the user plane (Gopal, page 2117).

Allowable Subject Matter

11. Claims 1-7 and 9-11 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW L. NALVEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8-6, Alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571 272 3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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